IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 1634

In re the Application of: Hiroyuki OHNO et al.

Examiner: Ethan C. Whisenant

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For: **SOLVENT** FO

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SOLVENT FOR DISSOLVING NUCLEIC ACID, NUCLEIC ACID-CONTAINING SOLUTION AND METHOD OF PRESERVING NUCLEIC ACID

Attorney Docket Number: 063057 Customer Number: 38834

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated March 5, 2009. Please supplement section (IV) on page 1 of the Appeal Brief filed February 5, 2009 as follows:

(IV) STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

An After-Final Amendment was filed on October 6, 2008 amending claims 1, 3-5, 7, 11, 13 and 14, and cancelling claims 6, 8-10 and 12. This amendment was refused entry, as noted in the Advisory Action dated December 3, 2008.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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